WHEREAS, effective vision is one of the most vital of all human needs. It is a fundamental requirement for the maintenance and development of self-sufficiency of all the citizens of the State of South Dakota. It is essential to the intellectual, social and emotional growth of our children and youth, and the productivity of all adults; and,

WHEREAS, the conservation and protection of vision is of vital significance to the health and welfare of each individual in this nation, this state and every community therein; and,

WHEREAS, effective vision preservation will be achieved only if each person is aware of the need for proper vision care:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby join with the President of the United States and the Congress in proclaiming the week of March 5-11, 1972, as

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and I encourage each citizen of this state to observe this period by participating in programs and activities aimed at improving and protecting the vision of our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 8th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE